

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES**


**PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

Astley Hall Drive, Astley

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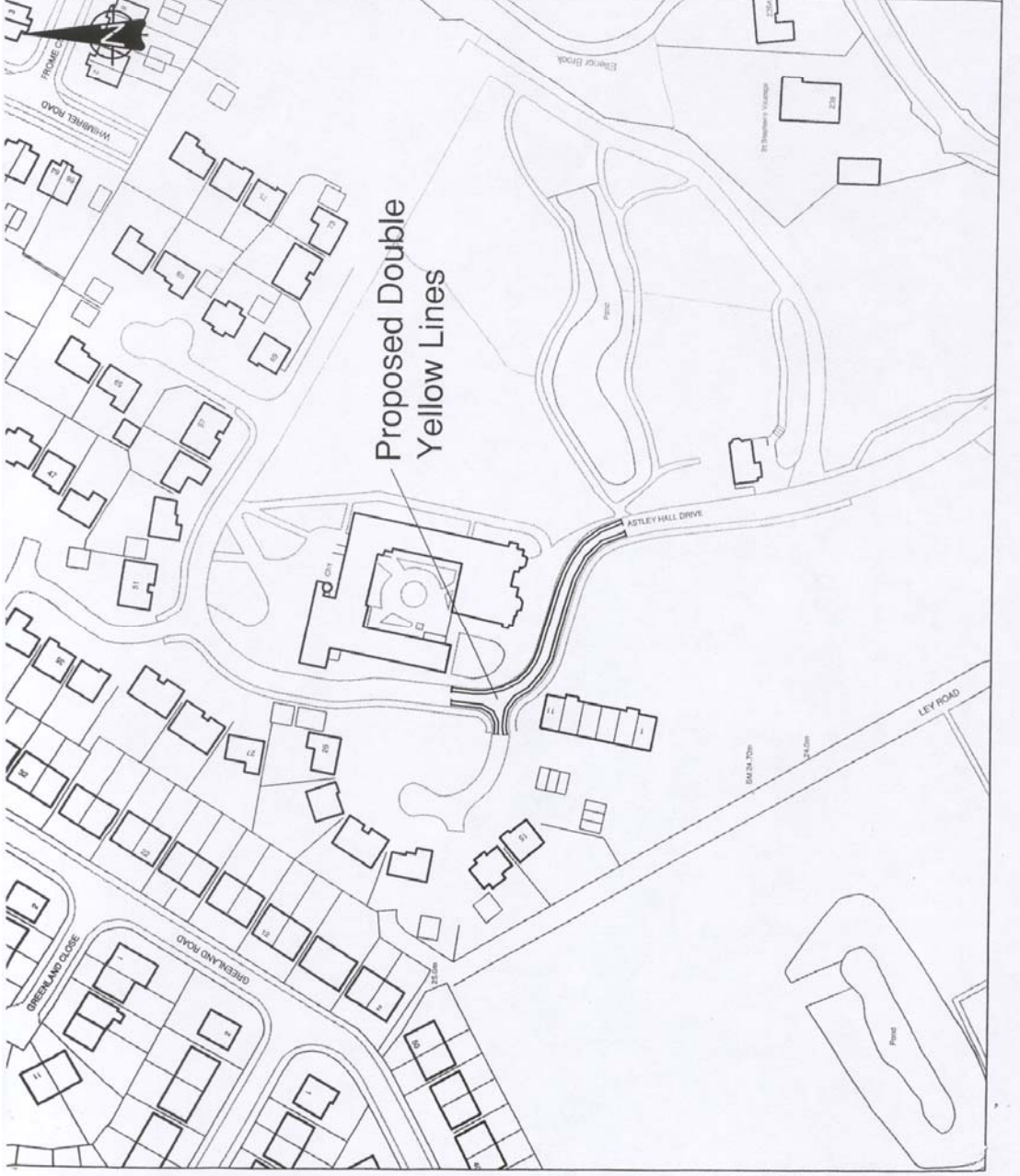
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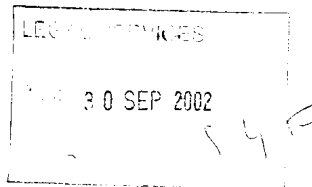
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## APPENDIX A

# Morts Astley Heritage Trust

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27<sup>th</sup> September 2002

Mrs S.D.Lowe LLB  
Director of Legal Services and Solicitor to the Council  
Wigan Council  
Town Hall  
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Dear Mrs Lowe

## Prohibition of Waiting Order 2002 Ref: DLS/SYF/HW13D 839

We write with reference to the above and make the following points:-

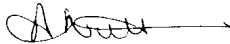
1. Observations suggest that approximately 65% of people parking outside Dam House are disabled and would not be affected by parking restrictions as they hold exemption badges. We are concerned that the remaining cars would migrate to the nearest unrestricted areas, namely outside residents houses.
2. Vehicles parked on the roadside providing it is only on one side, as is normally the case, act as a traffic calming measure and do not constitute an obstruction. Drivers have a clear line of sight along the roadway in the vicinity of the Hall due to the open space immediately opposite and the curve of the road
3. The Trust have created a further seventeen off road car parking spaces since the original planning permission was granted making a total of 49 spaces. This is the maximum number that we can fit in within the constraints of the conservation area status.

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4. As Astley Hall Drive is still unadopted it cannot be effectively policed because any enforcement has to be carried out by notification from the land-owner ( Bryant Homes) who have now left the site.
5. Double yellow lines and the necessary signage would distract from the aesthetic appearance of a Grade II\* listed building which has been refurbished at a cost of £2.5 million, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and others and administered by a voluntary group.
6. The Trust are responsible for the long-term financial viability of Dam House which depends on visitors to the health, education and business facilities in this Community Project, but at the same time the Trust are also aware of the concerns and convenience of local residents.

In view of all the above factors the Trust strongly oppose the proposed Prohibition of Waiting Scheme.

Yours sincerely



Ann Nutt  
Clerical Officer.  
For and on behalf of the Trustees

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**Civic Buildings - Reception**

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**From:** Chris Peel[SMTTP:cpeel@grass-science.freemove.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 14 October 2002 12:14  
**To:** planning@wiganmbc.gov.uk  
**Subject:** Reference Planned Parking Restrictions on Astley Hall Drive

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? KIT 4-2278

Dear Sirs

Would you please note that as a resident in a Town House at Astley Hall, I am not in favour of the proposed double yellow lines proposed for the Drive. I would have thought either a single yellow line with restrictions from say 9am to 5pm would be appropriate as most problems (such as they are) occur during the opening times of the café. Double yellow lines penalize those residents who have no other parking space. Either no yellow lines or at the most a single yellow line.

Yours sincerely

Chris and Carol Peel  
3 Astley Hall Drive  
M29 7TX

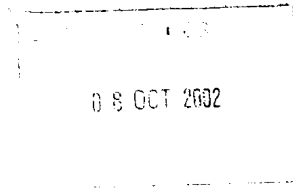
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Would you please acknowledge receipt and that this will be used within the public response to this planning ?? proposal.

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Susan D. Lowe LLD  
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Dear Sirs,  
re: Dam House, Astley Hall Drive, Wigan. ref DLS/SYF/HW13D839

I write to object about the proposal to make the residential road above into a restricted parking area. I feel this is a short-sighted and ill-conceived proposal. The on street parking adjacent to the pond and wood constitutes little in the way of a danger to road traffic. It is certainly less dangerous than other roads in Astley without parking restrictions, which are main traffic routes and which have claimed lives.

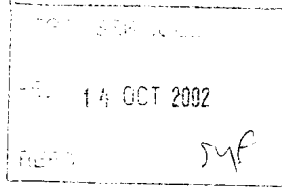
The motives of few residents, who have campaigned so strongly for this action need to be examined. I feel their motivation hasn't been on safety issues but because cars block the view of the pond and woods. This selfish motivation has no regard for their neighbours. Should the no parking restrictions be implemented the cars presently parked on the road will migrate to the residential area without parking restrictions. This will create both a nuisance to the neighbours and a real danger to children playing around parked cars.

Yours sincerely,

  
Stephen Marsh

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Dam House Tearooms  
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4<sup>th</sup> October 2002

Susan D. Lowe LLD  
Director of Legal Services and Solicitor to the Council  
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Dear Madam

**Re Parking restriction Astley Hall Drive, Astley. ref DLS/SYF/HW13D839**

We write to object to the proposed plan to have restricted parking along the road near the pond and woods on Astley Hall Drive. We are very concerned that these proposals will endanger our jobs and the enjoyment of the elderly of Astley and it's surroundings.

We have recently been through a change of owners, the last owner being unable to make the tearoom into a viable business. The proposed parking restriction would have a major effect on our business because the majority of our clients are elderly. While the more able bodied of them can walk from the car park, many find it impossible. The tearoom serves the local elderly population of Astley and it's surroundings as a meeting and social gathering centre. It would be a great pity if this facility were to close for such little gain.

Yours truly,

*P Slack*

*V. B. S. S.*

*P. D. H. H.*

*K. S. Sheehy*

*Mrs J. J. Egerton*

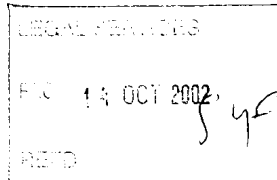
The Staff of the Dam House Tearooms.

# Federation of Local Supported Living Groups

Susan D. Lowe LLB  
Director of Legal Services and Solicitors to the Council  
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11.10.2002

REF:- DLS/SYF/HW13D839



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Dear Ms Lowe,

I am writing to lodge our objections to your proposed painting of double yellow lines outside Dam House at Astley.

We are a charity working within an office at Dam House, and our concerns are for the safety of our staff. The car park designated for our vehicles is set in woodland, without adequate lighting or made up ground. During the winter months, particularly, this area is quite isolated and lonely.

Members of our staff are quite often the last to leave Dam house at the end of the day, and are sometimes alone.

There has recently been a car stolen from this car park, and should this happen to any of our staff, they could find themselves stranded in an unlit and lonely area without cover and be very vulnerable. There have been some gangs encountered around this area, and their presence has been detected through the amount of rubbish that they have left behind.

We believe your proposal raises questions about health and safety of working personnel, issues that need to be addressed before any action is taken.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours truly

Mrs. Marilyn Wildin

Chair and on behalf of staff and volunteers of the above charity.



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For the attention of

STEVE BELL

Astley Hall Drive  
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Mr J Fletcher  
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Civic Buildings  
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7<sup>th</sup> October 2002

**REF : DLS/SYF/HW13D839**

Dear Mr Fletcher,

I am writing to you with regard to the proposed double yellow lines for Astley Hall Drive.

I am NOT in favour of this proposition and do not believe that these lines are necessary. If anything I believe that double yellow lines will worsen the situation as it will mean that visitors to Dam House will begin to park wherever they can throughout the estate. This really would be a lot worse.

I believe that I am in a very good position to comment on the situation.

As time has gone by, I no longer believe that there is a problem with parking on this road. There seems to have become a bit of order to the pattern of peoples parking as they stick regimentally to parking only on one side of the road. Their presence helps reduce the speed of the traffic, which I think obviously makes it safer. When there are no cars parked there some people speed down this stretch which is clearly more dangerous than a few cars being parked there in the daytime.

I think that yellow lines would not stop the cars coming; they would simply force people to move them to places where it clearly would be a problem to park. In addition, The presence of double yellow lines would have an adverse effect on the appearance of the site and the grounds.

In summary, I think that it would be a real shame if double yellow were to be placed in the proposed areas. The petitions and response forms that have been submitted are no representation of all residents' views as these forms have clearly been manipulated. You only have to look at the "RESPONSE FORMS" that were posted to each resident. These have craftily been written in such a way so that either box which is ticked means that you are voting in favour of the yellow lines. The impression is given that there is a FOR and an AGAINST box, but both boxes are for the yellow lines which clearly misleading.

The need for double yellow lines has clearly been exaggerated and I truly do not think that they are necessary.

In sharing this with you I quite obviously would like your discretion. I would like to remain anonymous as there is a person on the estate well known to be in favour of the introduction of the the yellow lines and who would clearly make it difficult for anyone who did not share the same view as theirs.

However, I do want my voice and the opinion of several other residents to be heard. Given the choice, I am against the introduction of yellow lines in the proposed areas.

Yours Sincerely,

Astley Hall Resident

## APPENDIX B

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**AHRA!**

ADDH (new)  
KH

4-33-18

c/o Ms P Bollesty  
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Ms Susan Fullford  
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Town Hall  
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WN1 1NY

copy letter

15<sup>th</sup> October 2002

Dear Ms Fullford

**proposed parking restrictions on Astley Hall Drive DLS/SYF/HW13D839**

In response to the proposal to introduce double yellow lines in Astley Hall Drive we write **in support of this measure.**

The Astley Hall Residents' Association newsletter of September 2002 (enclosed) asked residents to indicate whether they were happy with this proposal. 100% of the replies are in favour and voiced the need for extending parking restrictions beyond the current proposal. These replies are enclosed.

The council's own survey of residents' opinions on the parking problems (February 2002) showed an overwhelming support for the need to introduce parking restrictions for the whole of Astley Hall Drive. Mr J Fletcher of the Dept of Engineering Services holds these records and a copy of his letter is enclosed highlighting the concerns noted by the council.

Current parking regularly creates hazard and a short video is enclosed demonstrating this. This was recorded on spec on a Tuesday afternoon and is representative of the hazards caused by unregulated on-road parking.

Very few of the cars currently parking outside the tearooms are displaying disabled badges so double yellow lines would support the needs of disabled drivers by forcing other motorists to use the car parks.

Local residents are keen to support the continued success of Dam House, but safety must be a priority. The recent plans to open an education facility at Dam House will exacerbate the current hazards unless parking is addressed.

We fully support the council's proposal to 'maintain access for residents and businesses' and resolve safety issues arising from current unrestricted parking.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Boller', written over a horizontal line.

on behalf of Astley Hall Residents' Association

copy letter to Mr J Fletcher

enclosures:

- AHRA September newsletter
- AHRA reply slips
- council letter of February 2002
- video

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**Civic Buildings - Reception**

**From:** Lindsey, Karen[SMTP:Karen.Lindsey@jacobs.com]  
**Sent:** 17 October 2002 15:58  
**To:** 'planning@wiganmbc.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** Application DLS/SYF/HW13D839  
**Importance:** High

ADD/NE  
21 OCT 2002  
KH

I am writing to support the above referenced application to install double yellow lines outside Dam House, Astley Hall Drive. I am a resident that lives at no. 7 and feel strongly that safety is being severely compromised by their absence. Thank you.

Karen Lindsey  
7 Astley Hall Drive  
Astley  
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Some objections already rec'd.  
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